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RUNNING A STORE BY STEAM.—On the Upper Sacramento River a novel business has, for a number of years, been conducted by Captain George W. Case, which partakes somewhat of the romantic style of the border traders of early times, with this difference—that a well appointed steamer supplies the place of the primitive canoe, and the customers, instead of being the redskins of the forest, are well-to-do families settled upon and owning ranches along the banks of the Sacramento River. Captain Case commenced trading between Sacramento and a point a few miles above Colusa about eight years ago, by taking a small barge load of goods as high up the river as he wished to go, paying a steamer to tow him up, and then dropping down with the current from house to house to do his trading, supplying the settlers with whatever goods they wanted, and taking in exchange all kinds of produce, especially butters, hides and peltries—anything that could be converted into cash and then reconverted into more goods for another trip. Some four years ago Capt. Case built a small steamer at a cost of \$6,000, and fitted her up for the trade which he had found so profitable and to enable him to keep up with his increasing business. The floating store was supplied with an assorted cargo of goods worth from \$5,000 to \$6,000, and with the assistance of a pilot and an engineer, round trips have been made about once in two weeks ever since. The settlers along the river find this floating store a great convenience, and one of them informs us they get goods from the steamer just as cheaply as they could from merchants in town. The Captain and his steamer are anxiously looked for every week, up or down, when he makes his regular calls, does his trading and gossiping and posts his friends on the news of the outside world. The call made, business transacted, and "all hands" given out, they haul in the bow line or stern anchor, as the case may be, and steam on to the next rancho. The enterprise of Capt. Case has been well rewarded, as it deserves to be, for he owns a comfortable property in Sacramento, besides his steam store, a fine stock of goods, and being in the enjoyment of an uninterrupted and increasing trade.—*Yolo Democrat.*

CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS is a most deadly disease, whether called by the above sounding title or its old name of "spotted fever," or a newly proposed one of "cerebro-spinal fever," and instances of recovery from it are rare. A Brooklyn physician who has succeeded in getting two patients seized by it into a convalescent state, was at once "interviewed" by a newspaper reporter. Following somewhat the ideas of Chinese doctors, who consider the stomach the seat of the brain, this physician introduces the following prescription into the abdominal region: "Bromide of potassium, to prevent further congestion, opium for the delirium, a supportive treatment in the shape of wine, beef tea, &c., to sustain the system." He also applies counter-irritation to the parts of the spine affected. This cheerful treatment is, in his opinion, the solution of the medical problem of cerebro spinal meningitis, and any person attacked by the disease who passes the crisis, may hope with careful attention to recover full strength in about two months. The doctor's theory is that inflammation, caused by the first attack, can no more be cured than the neck when once broken can be set, and must be allowed to settle itself; but that additional irritation can and will be prevented if his advice is followed.

THE GIRL OF THE PERIOD AT THE PIANO.—The Poet of the Breakfast Table gives this vivid description of the manner in which a girl of the period wakes ready to play and plays her grand piano. "It was a young woman with as many wavy curls as flowers round her head, the planet Saturn has rings, that did it. She gave the music-stool a twist or two, and huffed down on it like a whirl of soap suds in a hand-basin. Then she pushed up her cuffs as if she was going to fight for the champion's belt. Then she worked her wrists and hands, to limber 'em, I suppose and spread out her fingers till they looked as though they would pretty much cover the key board, from the growling end to the little sneaky one. Then those two hands of hers made a jump at the keys as if they were a couple of tigers coming down on a flock of black and white sheep, and the piano gave a great howl as if its tail had been trod on. Dead stop—so still you could hear your hair grow. Then another jump, and another howl, as if the piano had two tails and you trod on both of 'em at once, and a clatter and scramble and string of jumps, up and down, back and forward, one hand over the other, like a stampede of rats and mice more than like anything I call music."

A TRYING SEASON.—The idea, generally entertained, that the weather alternates between the two sides of the Atlantic, Europe having cold or dry when this country has warm or wet, is not borne out by the records of the present month. The University boat race on the Thames, in which Cambridge beat Oxford, came off on Saturday last in the midst of a heavy snow-storm.

Should the effect of the late season on agricultural operations be the same on the two continents, high prices for grain are tolerably certain to rule. Our farmers did a good deal of ploughing in the course of early winter, but not enough to counterbalance the delay caused by the almost unprecedented frosts of March. Not only in the Valley, but from all parts of Virginia east of the Ridge, is the complaint general of a prolonged winter and unpromising spring. The drought of last summer made provender scarce; and that makes the case harder with stock-raisers. More snow, indeed, appears to have fallen in the eastern counties than in the Valley.—*Winchester News.*

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